

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6475

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Prohibiting the imposition of regional transit authority property taxes on less than a whole parcel.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Palumbo, King, Wagoner, McCoy and Liias).

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: A Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is authorized to use its tax revenues to develop and operate a high capacity transportation system. There is currently one RTA, Sound Transit, which operates light rail, commuter rail service, and express bus service. The boundaries of the Sound Transit district generally follow the urban growth boundaries of King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

After the approval of the most recent system expansion plan in 2016, Sound Transit imposes the following taxes within the boundaries of the Sound Transit district:

- a sales and use tax of 1.4 percent;
- a motor vehicle excise tax of 1.1 percent;
- a property tax of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and
- a rental car sales and use tax of 0.8 percent.

Summary: An RTA is prohibited from imposing a property tax on less than a whole parcel of property.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	1
House	98	0

Effective: March 15, 2018

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